

REMARKS

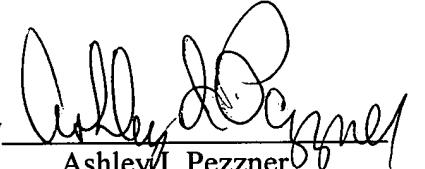
The applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment be entered prior to fee calculation and examination. Newly added claims 11-21 correspond to claims 1-10 as amended in the PCT application. No additional fee is required for the extra claims. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, including any fees required for an additional extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, such an extension is requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

A prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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